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1. WE CAN ACCEPT TEXT OF COVER NOTE AS TRANSMITTED IN REFERENCE A WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES:

A. DELETION OF PARA 2B AS PROPOSED IN PARA 6 REFERENCE

A. IT SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED THAT MC161/74 DOES NOT CONTAIN ALL DATA ON GROUND AIR DEFENSE PERSONNEL OF THE NSWP WHICH ARE COMPARABLE TO THAT REQUESTED FOR NATO GROUND AIR DEFENSE FORCES IN US NATO 2005. MC161/74 CONTAINS ONLY THAT GROUND AIR DEFENSE WHICH IS PART OF THE NATIONAL AIR DEFENSE COMMANDS AND NOT THAT WHICH IS PART OF THE NSWP FIELD ARMIES.

B. DELETION OF SECOND SENTENCE IN PARA 11C BEGINNING "WE CANNOT AT PRESENT....." AS CONFUSING IN LIGHT OF DELETION OF PARA 2B.

C. DELETION OF LAST SENTENCE OF PARA 7 DRAFT TEXT.

ESSENTIALLY, MANPOWER ESTIMATES ARE BASED ON AN ESTIMATED AUTHORIZED STRENGTH WHICH THEN MAY BE DIS-

COUNTED WHEN THERE IS EVIDENCE TO BELIEVE THAT THE UNIT IS NOT AT FULL STRENGTH. THIS PROCESS YIELDS AN ESTIMATED ACTUAL MANPOWER COUNT. IT SHOULD BE STRESSED THAT SUCH ESTIMATES OF PACT ACTUAL STRENGTH DO NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT SHORT TERM ADMINISTRATIVE FLUCTUATIONS AS IS DONE WITH NATO ACTUAL STRENGTHS.

D. OUR POSITION ON THE INCLUSION OF DUTCH SHORT LEAVE (REF C) REMAINS UNCHANGED. FROM THAT STANDPOINT WE WOULD PREFER TO SEE FORCES DISCUSSED IN PARA 6B. DELETED IN THEIR ENTIRETY. HOWEVER WE REALIZE THIS WILL

PROBABLY HAVE TO AWAIT DISCUSSION OF THE DUTCH SHORT LEAVE PROBLEM IN THE SPC. THEREFORE WE RECOMMEND US MISSION RESERVE ON ACCEPTANCE OF PARA 6B PENDING DISCUSSION BY THE SPC OF THE SHORT LEAVE PROBLEM. FYI: IN ANY CASE TWO STATEMENTS MADE IN PARA 6B APPEAR TO BE INCORRECT. &UR-BEST AND LATEST INFORMATION VERIFIED ON L0 MA

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OUR BEST AND LATEST INFORMATION VERIFIED ON 10 MAY BY THE US DEFENSE ATTACHE AT THE HAGUE WITH THE NETHERLANDS ARMY MOBILIZATION BRANCH IS THAT THE SHORT LEAVE PERIOD IS SIX MONTHS AND THAT THEY CAN BE CALLED UP BY NO LESS AN AUTHORITY THAN THE MOD. END FYI

2. CONCERNING NEXT STEP WE WOULD PREFER A MODIFICATION OF THE FIRST ALTERNATIVE POSED IN PARA 4 REF 2.

NAMELY THAT APPROVAL BY THE SPC BE DEFERRED UNTIL THE CAPITALS HAVE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXAMINE THE ENTIRE PACKAGE WITH TEXT AND TABLES. WHEN COPIES OF THE DRAFT DATA PACKAGE ARE SENT TO CAPITALS FOR COMMENT A COPY SHOULD ALSO BE SENT TO THE AHG WITH THE APPROPRIATE CAVEAT THAT IT IS FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY. ADDITIONALLY THE AHG SHOULD BE ASKED BY NATO HOW IT VISUALIZES USE OF THE DATA WITH THE EAST IN ORDER FOR THE SPC TO BETTER ADDRESS THE SECURITY AND POLITICAL ASPECTS OF DATA RELEASE. RUSH

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